

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 1199 which will permit the Trinity Public Utilities District to exercise the powers of a health care district and take over the administration and operation of Trinity Hospital. This bill will help keep this vital emergency facility open for the local community and region.

Although this bill does not specify that a vote of the people is required, I believe that existing law already provides constitutional protections for the payers of this special tax. With the understanding and assurance from the proponents that this will have a vote of the ratepayers, I can support this measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger